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Lady Jackets Post 20-11 Record

The Cedarville College women's basketball team put together one of the finest seasons in the program's history. The Lady Jackets matched a school record for victories in a season, advanced to the National Christian College Athletic Association tournament, and placed third in the tough ten-team Mid-Ohio Conference behind two nationally-ranked teams.

"I knew at the beginning of the season that we would do quite well," said Kathy Freese, who was voted MOC Coach of the Year. "The kids finally pulled together and that was the key. We had a close knit group and we were real thrilled with how the season turned out."

The women weren't sure what to expect since their top scorer from the previous season did not return. But they rolled to a 20-11 overall record and a 13-5 mark in the MOC. The wins matched the effort of the 1988-89 club that was 20-10, and the conference record trailed only Findlay and Shawnee State, who at one time or another were each ranked No. 1 in the country in NAIA Division II.

Cedarville registered some impressive wins, but the highlight of the campaign came on Feb. 9 when



Lady Jacket head basketball coach Kathy Freese was voted Mid-Ohio Conference Coach of the Year by her peers.

the Jackets upset Shawnee State 77-76 in the Athletic Center. The Bears came in ranked No. 3 and scored the first eight points of the game. However, Cedarville ran off an incredible 25 straight points and never trailed the rest of the way.

After being eliminated from the MOC/NAIA Division II Tournament, the Jackets accepted a bid to play in the NCCAA Nationals in Rochester, NY. Cedarville, seeded third in the eight-team field, opened

with a 74-60 win over Judson College (Illinois). Eventual champion Western Baptist (Oregon) pulled out a 65-61 win in the semifinals over the Jackets, and then the women dropped the consolation game to top seed Indiana Wesleyan, 75-69.

Freese commented, "We would like to have done a little better at the NCCAA. We played tough in all three games and had every opportunity to come out victorious in all three, but we couldn't complete the task."



Leading scorer Melissa Hartman, a junior guard, became just the seventh player in Lady Jacket basketball history to surpass 1,000 career points.

Junior guard Melissa Hartman stepped up her game in the second half of the season and led the team in scoring at 14.2 points per game. She also set a school record from the free throw line by

shooting 82.5 percent, she matched her school mark with 39 three-pointers, plus she was tops in assists with 108.

Hartman was named to the NCCAA All-America Second Team and to the MOC First Team.

"Melissa does so many things well," Freese remarked. "She is a great leader on the court and spiritually, she is a very sound young woman. I'm thrilled to have someone of her caliber returning. I anticipate Melissa to have a great senior year."

Hartman, who was an NAIA and NCCAA All-America Scholar-Athlete, moved into fifth place on the Lady Jackets' all-time scoring list with 1,183 points. She is already the program's career leader in three-point field goals

(109), assists (329), and steals (208). Her .766 career free throw accuracy is also ahead of the current school record of .725.

Senior forward Christine Copeland closed out her career with 855 points and 908 rebounds. She ranked third on the team in scoring (11.3) and was first in rebounding (9.6). Copeland was recognized as a NCCAA All-America



Christine Copeland, an NCCAA All-America First Team performer, lays in two points versus Walsh.

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Sherman, Cunningham Are YJC Athletes Of The Year

Track and field standouts Stephanie Sherman and Joe Cunningham were selected the Yellow Jacket Club's Female and Male Athletes of the Year for 1993-94. The two were honored during Homecoming festivities in October.

Sherman, now a senior from Watertown, New York, entered this school year as an eight-time NAIA All-American and last year was also the recipient of the Wheeler Award as the NCCAA's Track and Field Athlete of the Year. Sherman led the Lady Jackets to the NCCAA title by winning the triple jump, long jump, and 100 meter hurdles. She also finished second in the NAIA triple jump for All-America honors.

During the winter season, Sherman placed second in the triple jump at the NAIA Indoor National Meet and was fifth in the long jump.

Cunningham, now a junior from Cincinnati, won the NCCAA pole vault and javelin competitions. He also finished sixth in the pole vault at the NAIA Nationals to gain All-America honors.

Sherman and Cunningham each received a plaque and \$250 cash awards. Their names were also engraved on a plaque that is permanently displayed in the Athletic Center Varsity Room.

Other female athletes to be nominated for the Yellow Jacket Club award were Angela Hartman (volleyball, tennis), Rachel Howard (basketball), DiAnn Miller (softball), and Cindy Hasselbring and Jennifer Zenner (cross country).

Other males to be nominated were Todd Entner and Jamie Hand (tennis), Eric Reini (soccer), Kevin Conkel (cross country), El Seabra (basketball), Ted Kruse (golf), and Steve Mays (baseball). ☺



Cedarville College athletic director Don Callan (center) poses with Stephanie Sherman (left) and Joe Cunningham, who were named the Female and Male Athletes of the year for 1993-94 by the Yellow Jacket Club.

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"The Right Recruiting"

This time of year is recruiting time for college athletics. It's a busy time—a hectic time for both the recruiter and the recruited.

When recruiting, coaches spend enormous amounts of time and effort, let alone money, to recruit that special athlete who could be the key to their future success. We look at video tapes, host athletes, write letters, make phone calls, and even visit in their homes with the idea of selling our school and, yes, even ourselves as the place and people who can provide the athlete with his heart's desire of becoming a star athlete on a successful team. In our quest, we are willing to provide funding to make our situation even more appealing. Recruiting is extremely competitive, yet it is a must if you're going to be successful in the athletic arena.

Recently, as I was reading in a devotional booklet, I was reminded that coaches are not the only ones seeking to recruit the right man or woman. The Bible, in Ezekiel 22:30, says that God is also seeking for a man. In Luke 19:10 it says Jesus Christ came to seek and to save that which is lost.

It's strange that He's seeking the imperfect, the lost sinner who has nothing to offer Him. The Bible not only calls sinners to repent, but calls we who claim Christ as our personal Savior to be the flesh and blood contact with those He's seeking to draw to Himself. We are, indeed, recruiters for the greatest of all coaches, for the greatest and most important cause. We recruit for a team that has been guaranteed victory: "Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord," (I Cor. 15:57). "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith," (I John 5:4).



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Jackets Register Eighth Straight 20-Win Season

It was another action packed basketball season for the Yellow Jacket men who rolled to their eighth consecutive 20-win campaign with a 21-11 record. Cedarville finished fifth in the rugged Mid-Ohio Conference with a 10-8 slate and made it as far as the semifinals of the NAIA Division I Great Lakes Sectional tournament.

"All was positive," stated Don Callan, who coached his 1,000th game at Cedarville in the regular season finale against Urbana. "It was one of those years that we didn't have any problems with the kids and it was a pleasant season from that standpoint."

"Any time you can win 21 games you have to be happy. There are so many things that can go wrong and we had them go wrong this year. We had injuries and sickness, yet we won some games inspite of that. I felt, overall, that it was just an outstanding year."

The Yellow Jackets featured a balanced attack offensively with five players averaging in double figures. The trio of El Seabra, Jeff Bradley, and Bobby Polack all hit for exactly 16.0 points per game. Jon Woolley contributed 13.9 points and Nathan Huffman came off the bench to supply 10.9.

Seabra, a senior guard from Portugal, completed an outstanding career in which he was a four-year starter and finished as the eighth all-time leading scorer in Cedarville's long basketball history with 1,738 points. He led this year's team in assists with 160 and shot 79.4 percent from the free throw line and 53.4 percent from the field. Seabra was named to the first team in both the NAIA Division I Great Lakes Section as well as the MOC.

Callan has called Seabra perhaps the best defensive player that he has ever had at Cedarville and added, "El Seabra is a man among boys on the court because he's played all his life against grown men in Europe. He has learned to play a physical basketball game within the rules. That is what



Yellow Jacket head basketball coach Don Callan charts a play during a timeout as assistant coach Pete Reese (right) looks on.

makes him hard to play against and we're going to miss him."

Junior forward Jeff Bradley again paced the team in three-point field goals with 69 as the main outside threat. He was an All-MOC Second Team selection and ranked third on the team in assists with 99. Bradley has totaled 1,270 points in two years.

"Any time you can win 21 games you have to be happy."

*Dr. Don Callan,
Men's Head Basketball
Coach*

Junior center Bobby Polack, who has tallied 1,155 points in two years, led the team in field goal percentage (.632) and rebounding (8.3). He muscled his way to a career-high 32 points in the final game at Rio Grande in the Great Lakes semifinals. Polack was also voted to the All-MOC Second Team.

Jon Woolley, a 6-8 sophomore forward, started all 32 games after transferring in from the University of Wyoming. He led the team with 27 blocks and was second in three-pointers made with 21.

The other starter at guard was Jason Quinn, who along with Bradley and Woolley, started all 32 games. While averaging 8.8 points, he was steady in other areas of his game as well with 109

assists, a team-high 34 steals, and an 82.4 percent accuracy from the free throw line.

Junior forward Nathan Huffman and freshman guard Brent Miller, who was the only other player to appear in all 32 games, were the key contributors off the bench. While scoring in double figures, Huffman shot 55.3 percent from the floor and 77.1 percent at the line. Miller dished off for 80 assists.

Seniors Josh Rang and Matthew Reynolds accepted new roles this season after both were starters as juniors. Their attitudes did not go unnoticed by Callan.

"They are unique young men," Callan said. "Here are two seniors that didn't play nearly as much as they wanted to, but they were valuable to us in many ways. They worked hard and gave us a good attitude, and no one else on the squad could complain because these two had every reason to complain, yet they didn't. They are just tremendous young men and I was very impressed with them."

The Mid-Ohio Conference race turned out to be an incredible one with Findlay surviving as the champion at 13-5 despite suffering two losses to Cedarville. Out of 90 MOC games played, no less than 16 were decided by one point.

Yellow Jacket basketball continues to be a phenomenal draw in the Athletic Center with a new ticket policy this year increasing the demand for tickets. Cedarville averaged 2,416 fans for seven weekend dates which included a season-high of 2,935 for the Rio Grande game which was sold out four days in advance because of Li'l Sibs Weekend.

The Jackets attracted 26,319 fans for 15 home dates in all for an average of 1,755

per game and that included two home games that were played over the Christmas holidays.

Callan has guided the Yellow Jacket program to a new level over the past ten years. Cedarville has achieved a 222-113 record for a .663 winning percentage during that time span with nine 20-win seasons. Callan is the third active winningest coach in the NAIA at 579-423 (.578) during his 35-year career as head man of the Yellow Jackets. S



El Seabra gets fouled driving for the basket against Malone.



Junior center Bobby Polack slams in two points versus Walsh.

SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW

Baseball

The Yellow Jackets are expecting an improvement in the record in 1995 with a solid nucleus returning from last year's 15-21 club that qualified for the NAIA District 22 tournament. Cedarville will be seeking its first winning season since 1990 when they claimed the Mid-Ohio Conference championship and finished 18-15-1.

"Most of our people are back," stated Norris Smith, who begins his third year as head coach. "We lost a good catcher and one good pitcher who I think we can replace. We have some new guys who will contribute and I think we'll do a better job than we did last year."

The top returning player is junior outfielder Stephen Mays. He batted .382 last season and was voted to the All-Mid-Ohio Conference team for the second consecutive year. Mays scored 31 runs with six triples, three homers and 15 stolen bases—all team highs. He also committed just one error in the field in 73 chances for a .986 fielding percentage.

"Stephen is our leadoff hitter and is a leader in every sense of the word," Smith declared. "I anticipate that he will have another good season. I think the way Stephen goes is the way we'll go as a team."

Junior catcher Josh Green is the only .300-plus hitter back after batting .340 last spring. Senior shortstop Paul Melvin, who hit .278 a year ago, returns along with senior outfielder David Geiger, a .263 hitter.

The pitching staff will be anchored by junior righthander Clint Miller. He finished with a 5-5 record last year, but he lost two one-run games and the Jackets failed to score a run for him in yet two more setbacks. He posted a 4.17 earned run average and struck out 7.30 batters per nine innings.

Smith remarked, "I think Clint will be one of the better pitchers in the conference. He had a good season last year and I look for him to have another good one."

The top name among newcomers appears to be righthanded pitcher Sean Moore, who will be transferring to Cedarville this spring from Wright State University. He is a hard thrower who will add much needed depth to the pitching staff.

The Yellow Jackets' schedule features eight home dates. They will be vying for one of six spots in the Mid-Ohio Conference tournament with that winner advancing to the NAIA Great Lakes Regional. Cedarville will also compete in the NCCAA District I tournament. **S**

Women's Softball

The Cedarville College women's softball team is counting on seeing positive results this season with the return of a solid nucleus and the addition of another pitcher. Head coach Kathy Freese has all the key players back from last year's team that was 9-26, yet had an outstanding year offensively.

The 1994 club set a school record for team batting average in a season with a .347 mark. Eight players in all hit over .300 and two were at the .400 level.

"Offensively, I would like to believe that we'll have the same kind of hitting team," Freese remarked. "The pitching should be more sound and we expect to be stronger defensively. We do have another pitcher and the lack of pitching depth was a problem last year."

Freese will look to her seniors for the leadership on and off the field. The player with the most experience is three-year letterwinner DiAnn Miller. She batted .461 last year, the second-highest average for a season at Cedarville, with a team-high 39 runs scored. On the mound, she was the Jackets' best pitcher with a 7-11 record and a 4.69 earned run average.

The other senior is infielder Jennifer Sloan. She hit .365 last spring and led the team in runs batted in with 33. She also handled the most chances in the field (200) and posted a .965 fielding percentage.

Jennifer Cassidy joins a list of other key returnees after batting .449 last year. Erika Miller hit .391 with a team-high four triples, Melissa Sprankle batted .333, and Penni Ruhl hit .315 with a team-best nine doubles, plus she was named Cedarville's top female scholar-athlete for the year.

Among the newcomers, Heather Klingaman will join DiAnn Miller on the pitching staff. Cindy Cremeans, who also played basketball after transferring from Findlay, will anchor the shortstop position and she batted .347 for the Oilers last spring.

Freese summarized the outlook by saying, "We believe we'll be much improved and hopefully the record will show that. I think the future of Cedarville softball looks bright." **S**



Melissa Sprankle (right) is one of the top returning players in Lady jacket softball this spring.

Golf

There is a new look in Cedarville College golf this spring from the coach to the players. Jim Kragel enters his first year as head coach of the Yellow Jacket linksters with a lot of new faces in the line-up.

Kragel, who is known for being a scratch golfer himself, brings with him a lot of optimism to the program. Cedarville has not advanced to the NAIA national golf tournament in 14 years and he knows a foundation has to be laid if that level of play is to be achieved again.

"We're trying to build a program and trying to build some consistency," said Kragel. "I'm hoping that if I can start a program and stay with it for a number of years that I can build some credibility. Eventually, we would like to bring in enough talented golfers to compete on the national level."

Only five players were on the roster last year. Kragel is counting on building that to ten this spring and all of his top players are newcomers. Steve Burchett, Andy Lutz, and Troy Page, who is a transfer from Indiana State, all expect to battle for the top spot.

Kragel will take a "hands on" approach to coaching the Yellow Jackets and looks for each golfer to improve his respective game. He explains, "There's a lot of ways to hit the golf ball but there's only one way to take the golf club back and that's on plane. I work on two things—taking the club back on plane and concentrating on the short game which includes course management."

The Yellow Jackets have 14 events on the golf schedule including the 14th Annual Cedarville Invitational. That tournament will be played on April 3 at the Reid Park North Course in Springfield. **S**

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Men's Tennis

Yellow Jacket men's tennis joins the golf program with a new coach and a different look as far as the line-up is concerned. Alan Edlund takes over the helm from Murray Murdoch and he's faced with a double dilemma—no courts on campus and some untested talent.

Edlund brings with him a positive outlook on the situation and says, "You don't have a chance to think you have everything made. Every day I'm trying to find a certain court for practice or a match. I'll be kept busy that way, but I know it's only for a short time this spring while we get some new courts on campus."

The top returning player is senior Todd Entner who will be thrust from the number five spot in the singles order all the way to number one. Entner, who was also the school's top male scholar-athlete

last year, was 13-3 as junior to raise his career mark to 31-8.

"Todd is mentally tough to take it," Edlund said in reference to Entner's moving to number one. "We'll just have to see how well he can do."

Marcus Varotti and Jeff Nelson return to the team after a year layoff. Andy Kunkler, Sean Fox, and Zach Ruffin are expected to round out the top six though each has seen limited varsity competition.

"The season will be a learning process for me as well as the rest of the guys who haven't been in the starting line-up," stated Edlund. "I'll probably learn so much this year that I'll know exactly what they can do by next season."

Edlund also takes a realistic approach to following Murdoch, who won nearly 90 percent of

his matches at Cedarville and is in the NAIA Hall of Fame.

"I have no problem following Murdoch," Edlund declared. "We've talked about it quite a bit and he's encouraged me. I don't feel like I have to emulate or fill his shoes in any way. He has actually made me feel that way." S



Todd Entner is expected to take over the number one singles spot in men's tennis.

Women's Tennis

Lady Jacket tennis coach Pam Johnson welcomes back a team that exceeded expectations last spring. Now, her players are more experienced and the line-up should be stronger from top to bottom. This coming despite not having one senior on the roster.

Johnson had her youngest team ever last year which consisted of practically all freshmen and sophomores. All that squad did was roll to a 10-2 overall record, win the Mid-Ohio Conference championship, and actually tied Malone for the NAIA District 22 title with the Pioneers winning the tiebreaker. This year, Malone and Findlay have joined the MOC and the emphasis is on the conference tournament with that winner advancing to the nationals.

Johnson previewed the season by saying, "I believe that we will be just as strong as last year. Realistically, I have three number one players that I can interchange in the top three spots in the line-up. We should also have more depth at the bottom of the order with the players we have returning along with the newcomers."

Junior Melissa Hartman and sophomores Hasmine Gmuer and Andrea Anthony form the trio of number one players referred to by Johnson. Hartman has a 22-3 career singles record as an All-NAIA District 22 performer in the number two slot. Gmuer played mostly at third singles as a rookie and was 9-2, while Anthony played in the four spot and had a 12-2 mark.

Other key returnees include junior Gwen Judkins and sophomore Brooke Frazier. Judkins had a 6-8 record a year ago and Frazier was 7-8.

The Lady Jackets will be splitting their home matches between the Springfield Racquet Club and the Greene County Fairgrounds. The MOC Tournament will take place on May 4-6 at Tiffin University with the winner advancing in postseason play. The NAIA Nationals will be played May 22-27 in Tulsa, Oklahoma with Johnson again serving as the national tournament director. S

Track And Field

Yellow Jacket track and field coach Paul Orchard is excited about what the spring outdoor season holds after his athletes experienced a successful indoor campaign. Cedarville's busy schedule includes three meets on the home track. The Cedarville Invitational will be on April 1, the Mid-Ohio Conference Championships will take place on April 22, and the National Christian College Athletic Association Championships return on May 5-6.

The Lady Jackets are the defending NCCAA champs and senior Stephanie Sherman is described as the catalyst for the entire program. She is a nine-time NAIA All-American with the triple jump as her specialty. Sherman will continue to perform in the long jump and 100 meter hurdles, plus she will attempt to qualify for the heptathlon at the NAIA Nationals.

Long distance runner Michelle Burson and high jumper Joy Beitler, both NAIA All-Americans indoors, should have good seasons. Julianne Pletcher will join Burson in the distance events. The twosome earned NAIA All-America cross country honors in the fall.

"The women have a great chance to repeat as NCCAA champs," Orchard predicted. "However, we know we're going to have some tough competition. We didn't lose anybody from last year and we even gained a few people. From that perspective, we like our chances going into the meet."

On the men's side, racewalker Chad Eder has the best chance of bringing home an NAIA individual title in the 5,000 meters. He was an All-American last year by placing third and most recently placed fourth in the event at the U.S. Indoor Meet in Atlanta.



Stephanie Sherman returns for her senior year as a nine-time NAIA All-American.

Senior Pete Simons will concentrate on the 1,500 and 5,000 meter runs as well as the steeplechase. Jon Plush, a NAIA All-America pole vaulter, plus distance runner Kevin Conkel are expected to have solid spring seasons. The Yellow Jackets will hit the road for six meets which prompted Orchard to remark, "These meets will allow most of our athletes to be competitive. Our women's team, in particular, has upped its own level of performance all across the board. We tried eliminating some of the meets that are solely NCAA Division I competition so I think that in itself will have a positive effect on both the men's and women's teams." S

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Spikers Enjoy Another Winning Season

Cedarville College posted its fourth straight winning season in volleyball at 25-21 overall and 7-6 in the Mid-Ohio Conference. Head coach Elaine Brown also picked up her 300th career victory and completed her 13th season with a 313-231 record.

Junior hitter Cheryl Miller was named to the All-MOC first team after leading the Yellow Jackets with 3.52 kills and a school-record 1.32 blocks per game. Her 115 block assists were also a new school mark plus she became just the second Cedarville player to surpass 1,000 career kills (1,160).

Senior Lana Hass, who still has one



Lori Royal (right) checks the defense with Melissa Hartman (left) and Cindy Hasselbring.

year of eligibility left, was also selected to the All-MOC first team. She averaged 3.25 kills and upped her career total to 953.

Junior Melissa Hartman was an All-MOC second team choice plus she was tabbed to the All-NCCAA District III team. She led the squad in assists and became Cedarville's all-time leader in digs with 1,865. Hartman was also named an NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete which is reserved for those junior and senior student-athletes who carry a minimum 3.50 cumulative grade point average.

Hartman was joined on the NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete team by junior Laura Huggler. That twosome along with seniors Lori Royal and Cindy Hasselbring were named All-MOC Scholar-Athletes.

Hasselbring, who was playing her first season on the volleyball team and earned a starting role, also completed her fourth year on the cross country team. She set a school

record with 16 blocks in just her fourth match of the season.

Hartman was named the team's MVP while Royal was honored as the lone four-year letterwinner on the squad. Cedarville made it to the semifinals of the MOC tournament before being eliminated by eventual champion Mt. Vernon Nazarene. ☞

Reini Repeats As NCCAA All-American

The Yellow Jackets posted a 7-9-2 record and Eric Reini earned All-America second team honors for the third straight year to highlight the soccer season.

Reini, a senior midfielder from Ada, Ohio, was also named to the All-NCCAA District III first team and to the All-Mid-Ohio Conference second team. He led Cedarville in assists with five. Senior midfielder Andy Stewart, the other co-captain, was the team scoring leader with five goals and three assists for 13 points.

Junior midfielder Kyle Schwendemann was next with five goals and an assist for 11 points. He was named to the All-NCCAA District III first team plus was honorable mention in the MOC.

Junior midfielder Matt Towle and classmate Neil Brown, a back, were the other Yellow Jackets to garner postseason honors. Towle was selected to the All-NCCAA District III first team and both players were honorable mention in the MOC.

Juniors Ryan Mears and Mark Otto split goalkeeping duties. Mears had a 5-4-1 record with one shutout and a 1.47 goals against average. Otto was 2-5-1 with three shutouts and a 1.65 GAA.

Reini, Schwendemann, and Stewart shared team MVP honors. Sophomore back Dan Lee and Cliff Scott were named the team's most improved players and Brown earned top defensive recognition. David "Skippy" Gardner joined Reini and Stewart as four-year letterwinners. ☞



Skippy Gardner (left) completed his Yellow Jacket soccer career as a four-year letterwinner.

Lady Harriers Place 9th In NAIA

The Cedarville College women's cross country team enjoyed its finest season ever in 1994 which culminated in a ninth-place showing at the NAIA National Championships. The Lady Jackets captured five team titles, including the Mid-Ohio Conference championship, and placed second at the NCCAA Nationals finishing just one point out of the top spot.

The women were winners in the classroom as well. They had the second-highest team grade point average (3.72) of all 35 teams at the NAIA national meet.

Sophomores Michelle Burson and Julianne Pletcher formed Cedarville's one-two punch from start to finish. They became Cedarville's first-ever NAIA women's cross country All-Americans (Top 30 finishers) as Burson placed 26th and Pletcher was 27th. They flip-flopped the top two spots at the NCCAA Nationals and Mid-Ohio Conference championships. Burson took the NCCAA title while Pletcher copped the MOC crown which was the only time Burson did not finish as the team's top runner during the season.



Michelle Burson (front) and Julianne Pletcher (right) became Cedarville's first-ever NAIA All-Americans in cross country.

The sophomore duo each ran their fastest times of the season at the NCCAA national meet which was staged in Rochester, New York. Burson toured the 5,000 meters in 18:31 while Pletcher finished in 18:35. They were joined by three other teammates on the All-America squad (Top 15 finishers). Senior Jennifer Zenner was ninth, junior Heather Cornelius placed 12th, while freshman Becca Jenks was 14th. Sophomores Kara Malone and Jill Zenner rounded out the team's top seven runners.

Jennifer Zenner earned spots on the NAIA and NCCAA All-America Scholar-Athlete teams for the second year in a row. Members of the team are juniors or seniors who carry a minimum cumulative 3.50 GPA and make a solid contribution to the varsity team. Zenner also garnered the coveted Wheeler Award as the NCCAA's outstanding female cross country Athlete of the Year.

Besides winning the MOC title, Cedarville picked up team invitational championships at Asbury, KY; their own Friendship Invitational; Goshen, IN; and Gettysburg, PA. Head coach Elvin King was tabbed MOC Coach of the Year. ☞

Simons Paces Men's Cross Country Team

Cedarville College experienced a rebuilding year in men's cross country but still flirted with making the NAIA Top 25. Five sophomores and six freshmen were part of the 15-man roster.

Pete Simons, the lone senior on the squad, was the team's captain and top runner. He set the pace for the Yellow Jackets in every meet and even came away with two individual titles.

Simons' best outing came at Gettysburg, PA where he outran 219 other competitors by completing the 8,000 meters in 24:31. He also won the Goshen Invitational, placed second in the

Mid-Ohio Conference meet, plus earned NCCAA All-America honors by finishing fourth as the Jackets placed third as a team.

Two Yellow Jacket newcomers, Chuck Lyngaas and Eric Crawford, also gained NCCAA All-America status. Lyngaas placed ninth overall while Crawford was 13th.

Others to contribute on the men's varsity were freshman David Rea, sophomores Andrew Miller and Josh Bell, plus junior Jason Taylor. The Yellow Jackets' lone team title came at Goshen and they finished third in four other meets. ☞

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Yellow Jacket Sports In Brief

The Santa Clarita Signal newspaper in California recently ranked the Top 75 sports legends over the past 75 years from the Santa Clarita Valley and the list included Cedarville College Assistant Basketball Coach Pete Reese. He was rated No. 9 for his 23 years of tireless work at Los Angeles Baptist College, now The Master's College.

Radio play-by-play announcer Jim Phipps was recognized prior to Cedarville's final regular season home game for completing his 30th year as the voice of the Yellow Jackets.

He began his announcing career while a student at Cedarville and has done nearly every Yellow Jacket home and road game ever since.

Lady Jacket volleyball coach Elaine Brown has earned her Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. Dr. Brown, who is an assistant professor in the Health and Physical Education Department, has served for 13 years at the school and has a 313-231 record as head coach of the volleyball program. ☺



Jim Phipps (right) with play-by-play partner Ben Failor.

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First Team performer and was also tabbed to the All-MOC First Team.

Freese had nothing but praise for Copeland by saying, "Christine has risen to a level, particularly these past two years, in which she has become an outstanding leader. Her leadership is exemplified in the manner in which she plays the game. Her work ethic is outstanding, and she sets the tone for every practice and every game the past two years."

The other double figure scorer was junior Cindy Cremeans who averaged 13.0 points after transferring to Cedarville from the University of Findlay. She led the team in field goal percentage (.508) and averaged 16.0 points in the three NCCAA games while being named to the NCCAA All-Tournament Team.

Shaundra Randolph was the other senior on the team and was a co-captain. She started three times, averaged 5.5 points and 5.5 rebounds per game, plus was named to the NAIA and NCCAA All-America Scholar-Athlete teams for the second straight year.

Junior center Becky Cave (7.2 points) and sophomore guard Kari Dunlap (4.7) joined Hartman, Copeland, and Cremeans in the starting line-up. Sophomore wing Jill Detwiler (5.9), junior guard Melanie Fraley (4.8), and sophomore center Amy Bathrick (4.4) were all key reserves coming off the bench.

The Jackets have every reason to be optimistic about the future. Freese says, "We are excited about next year since we only lose one starter. We have some key positions to fill, but we expect another well-balanced team." ☺

1995 Yellow Jacket Spring Sports Schedules

BASEBALL

Mar. 6	at Graceland (2)	1:00
Mar. 13	at Tennessee Wesleyan (2)	1:00
Mar. 14	Asbury (2) at Chattanooga, TN	1:00
Mar. 15	at Tennessee Temple (2)	1:00
Mar. 20	MOUNT ST. JOSEPH (2)	1:00
Mar. 28	at Ohio Dominican* (2)	1:00
Mar. 30	WITTENBERG (2)	1:00
Apr. 1	MT. VERNON NAZARENE* (2)	1:00
Apr. 4	at Findlay* (2)	1:00
Apr. 6	WILMINGTON (1)	1:00
Apr. 8	at Tiffin* (2)	1:00
Apr. 11	RIO GRANDE* (2)	1:00
Apr. 15	at Urbana* (2)	1:00
Apr. 18	at Walsh* (2)	1:00
Apr. 22	MALONE* (2)	1:00
Apr. 25	SHAWNEE STATE* (2)	3:00
Apr. 27-29	at NCCAA District III	TBA
May 2	at Central State (2)	1:00
May 6	URBANA (1)	1:00
May 10-13	MOC Tournament	TBA

*Mid-Ohio Conference Games

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Mar. 21	at Mount St. Joseph (2)	3:30
Mar. 23	WILMINGTON (2)	3:00
Mar. 28	at Urbana*	3:00
Apr. 1	MALONE*	1:00
Apr. 4	BLUFFTON	4:00
Apr. 6	TIFFIN*	3:30
Apr. 8	at Walsh*	1:00
Apr. 11	MT. VERNON NAZARENE*	3:30
Apr. 18	at Ohio Dominican*	3:30
Apr. 20	RIO GRANDE*	3:30
Apr. 21-22	NCCAA District III at Grace	TBA
Apr. 25	at Shawnee State*	4:00
Apr. 26	at Wittenberg	3:30
Apr. 29	at Findlay*	1:00
May 2	MOUNT ST. JOSEPH	3:30
May 4-5	MOC Tournament at Shawnee State	TBA

*Mid-Ohio Conference Games

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Apr. 1	at Shawnee State*	1:00
Apr. 4	at Findlay*	3:00
Apr. 8	MALONE*	10:00
Apr. 11	at Wilmington	4:00
Apr. 13	at Earlham	3:00
Apr. 20	OHIO WESLEYAN	1:00
Apr. 22	WALSH*	12:30
Apr. 24	at Earlham	3:30
Apr. 25	at Wittenberg	4:00
Apr. 28	TIFFIN*	2:00
Apr. 29	BLUFFTON	1:00
May 1	at Ohio Northern	4:00
May 4-6	MOC Tournament at Tiffin	TBA
May 22-27	at NAIA Nationals	TBA

*Mid-Ohio Conference Matches

MEN'S TENNIS

Mar. 16	at Tusculum	2:00
Mar. 17	at Lincoln Memorial	10:00
Mar. 18	at King	TBA
Mar. 24	at Mount St. Joseph	3:30
Mar. 28	at Northern Kentucky	3:00
Apr. 3	EARLHAM	2:00
Apr. 4	at Wright State	3:30
Apr. 6	at Findlay	3:30
Apr. 8	TRANSYLVANIA	1:00
Apr. 10	WITTENBERG	TBA
Apr. 11	TIFFIN	3:00
Apr. 14	MALONE	10:00
Apr. 19	at Kenyon	3:30
Apr. 20	at Tiffin	3:30
Apr. 22	WALSH	11:00
Apr. 24	MOUNT ST. JOSEPH	3:00
Apr. 26	at Earlham	3:00
May 2	OHIO WESLEYAN	TBA
May 4-6	NAIA Great Lakes Regional at Malone	TBA

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Mar. 17-18	at Florida State Relays	TBA
Mar. 25	at Marshall Invitational	TBA
Apr. 1	CEDARVILLE INVITATIONAL	11:30
Apr. 8	at Wittenberg Invitational	11:30
Apr. 15	at Liberty Invitational	TBA
Apr. 22	MOC CHAMPIONSHIPS	11:00
Apr. 29	at Baldwin-Wallace Invitational	TBA
May 5-6	NCCAA NATIONALS	TBA
May 13	at Indiana Invitational	TBA
May 25-27	at NAIA Nationals	TBA

GOLF

Mar. 29	at Indiana Wesleyan Invitational	12:30
Mar. 31	at Wilmington	1:00
Apr. 1	at Shawnee State Invitational	9:00
Apr. 3	14th ANNUAL CEDARVILLE INVITATIONAL	12:00
Apr. 4	at Ashland Invitational	9:00
Apr. 6	at Urbana Invitational	11:00
Apr. 7-8	at Malone Invitational	11:00
Apr. 10	at Tiffin Invitational	10:00
Apr. 12	at Franklin Invitational	9:00
Apr. 17	at Walsh Invitational	12:00
Apr. 22	at Mt. Vernon Nazarene Invitational	11:00
May 2	NCCAA District III at Spring Arbor, MI	10:00
May 4-5	Mid-Ohio Conference at Mt. Vernon	TBA
May 15-17	NCCAA Invitational at Marion, IN	TBA

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—STING INTERVIEW—

Murray Murdoch Talks About Life After Coaching Tennis

For the first time in almost 30 years, Murray Murdoch will not be coaching men's tennis at Cedarville College. He took over a fledgling program in the spring of 1966 and developed one that produced 23 NAIA District 22 and Mid-Ohio Conference championships. His teams had a dual match record of 563 wins and 68 losses for an .892 winning percentage. Murdoch's efforts in 29 years at the collegiate level landed him a spot in the NAIA Hall of Fame.

Murdoch decided to resign from his coaching post last fall and is in the process of making the transition. He shares with STING readers his feelings about his life in and around the Cedarville College tennis scene.

STING: With the spring tennis season upon us, what are your feelings about not being the head coach?

MURDOCH: I feel really good about having retired at this point in time. It's interesting how the Lord works in your life and He really gave me an absolute peace about retiring last fall. I don't think I've missed it yet because one of the hardest parts of the job in the later years became the late night practices during the winter. The part of tennis that I'm really going to miss is match day and experiencing the excitement of the match itself and being able to work with the players. When I see them on the courts that is probably when it's going to be tough, but so far its just been great.

STING: Is it true that you have not backed off the tennis scene completely?

MURDOCH: That's correct. The NAIA has asked me to continue to run their national tournament for men. Also, I am continuing to represent the NAIA on the Intercollegiate Tennis Association board of directors. My role here at Cedarville is a very minor one. I will try to help Coach Edlund in any way that I can help him. He's a very capable guy and he doesn't need a lot of help from me. Because he doesn't work on campus, I may be able to assist him with some on-campus responsibilities such as meeting with prospective athletes who come to visit.

STING: Going back to the 1966 season when you accepted the tennis coaching position, could you have ever envisioned that you would stay in it for that long with that kind of commitment? What was the approach back when you took this job?

MURDOCH: I remember the very first time that I went into a team meeting full of excitement and enthusiasm even though the tennis program had not distinguished itself, shall we say. I told the players that I looked forward to when we win the Mid-Ohio Conference title and sweep first place in every category. A couple of the veteran athletes began laughing and just thought that was categorically absurd. Still, one of the most exciting experiences that I have had is watching that same little group of guys, which was my only losing

team, with just a few fine tunings going on to finish 12th in the nation in the NAIA four years later. That experience helped us in attracting some good athletes. But to envision back then the great things that have happened through the years in Cedarville tennis was practically impossible to think of.

STING: Would it be fair to say that once you developed a tradition of winning that it just kept itself going?

MURDOCH: I think that is very definitely true—winning breeds winning. One of the things that happened in those years was that we had respectable players who were not in the starting line-up. We had new players come in and play their freshman and sophomore years in occasional varsity matches and they kind of had basic training in tennis. I still think one of the most satisfying aspects of the program has been watching kids, who played in the seven through 12 positions in the early years of their career, come on up and move into vital starting positions and really be the catalysts for championship teams by their junior and senior years.

STING: Have you maintained contact with your former players over the years?

MURDOCH: Yes, we really have. That's the greatest joy I have. I remember one time a newspaper reporter asking me what I was going to do with all the trophies I have and if they meant very much to me. I said, 'Not really, because trophies tarnish, but the real trophies are the guys who played for me.' I thank God for the men I've had the privilege to work with who have even sent their sons back to play for us. The friendships and the continuing relationships with many of those men, including someone like Coach Edlund who is so dear to me, have been the most precious part of it. To see the program now pass into the hands of a man I've known since he was a college kid whom I've watched raise his family to the glory of God is a tremendous joy to me.

STING: You've made it quite apparent, like with the other sports at Cedarville, that it's more than just winning and losing here. Comment about how important those relationships actually are.

MURDOCH: It's about the lives of people and seeing them develop in so many areas. There have been so many people who have come into my life through tennis that have gone on for God. Yet, sometimes some of them struggle and when they struggle, a lot of them expect a call from me so I can encourage them like I did when they were athletes. I wouldn't trade that for anything and it's like an extended family—they're like my sons.

STING: In 1987, you had seven freshmen come in at once that put together a phenomenal four-year run. They had a 142-13 record, won all 57 of their home matches, finished 8th in the NAIA, and beat a number of NCAA Division I schools. Did it just



Murray Murdoch (left) passes on the Yellow Jacket men's tennis coaching duties to one of his former players, Alan Edlund.

work out that those players arrived at the same time, or did you make a conscious effort to put together a tennis power?

MURDOCH: We had always built our program on getting a couple of guys that were pretty decent and teaching the rest to play tennis. That worked for a lot of years until many of our opponents created a new tennis atmosphere with their active recruiting.

We went out and began to raise money for scholarships and found some people who would financially support the program through the Yellow Jacket Club. We did consciously move the program to a new level and in that particular year we found the outstanding players who wanted to come to Cedarville. To put it into perspective, when that group reached its peak we recruited a player who was a state champion and he came and played in the 11th position. That was unquestionably the finest team that I ever assembled, but that kind of program is tough to sustain. It's difficult financially, it's difficult to find quality players who have the theological persuasion that we have at Cedarville, and it was an awful lot of work because we basically had to play a year round schedule.

STING: You coached your two sons, Jim and Mark, at Cedarville and Mark clinched the deciding point in your 500th career victory. Comment about that moment.

MURDOCH: That was a real special moment. It was a win over Malone at the Dayton Indoor Tennis Club. One of the great joys I had was coaching my sons and that really was a wonderful experience for me. To have Mark clinch that particular match was one of the top two highlights of my career.

STING: What are you involved with in your life without coaching tennis?

MURDOCH: That's a great question and I've given it a lot of thought. Coaching tennis was a tremendous joy in building into young lives and one of the great joys in my life now is extending myself beyond the walls of Cedarville to the Grace Baptist Church of Westerville (Ohio). The Lord has provided us with a wonderful group of people there—we're seeing people saved and growing in the Lord. That has become a very vital aspect of my life. I love Cedarville College. To continue on as the chair of the Social Sciences and History Department and to serve as a senior pastor of a local church is keeping me busy. My life is filled with wonderful ministry opportunities and I thank God for all of them and rejoice in them. ☺